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## The Omission Commission

Professional views in politics are like any kind of professional opinion; for example, like the surgical notion of a difficult operation, irrespective of its life or death outcome. The layman's comprehension is overtaxed.

Washington desputches struck quite a cheerful note in communicating the information that the Interstate Commerce Commission was likely to make its ruling in the reopened Eastern rate case before the holidays, the implication being that the year end holidays of this year were intended.

That was weeks ago. Is the commis sion any nearer to-day to making up its mind about a business matter which a board of business men could decide in a week, if not in a day?

It may seem like quick action to Washington, which has the point of view of professional politics. Else where in all parts of the land where like intolerable delay.

essities of business

No business of any sort in this land would survive under a management which could not arrive at swifter conreached by Government commissions.

Even the Brazilian Minister to Mexhe has policed the capital to the general satisfaction; property and funds taken from the tramway company have been returned; the Foreign Office has been reopened with former employees; opportunities have been given banks to resume business; the Finance Department is in operation once more; the protection of Americans and other foreigners and their property leaves nothing to be desired. But this is not all Instead of leading the pillage of the

Mexico is a land of wonders, but never has it astonished more than by the transformation of the guerrilla ZAPATA, scourge of the south, into a prudent and responsible overload of the capital of the nation, which he was exof life, protector of property capable administrator, practical financier and and attributes. It remains to be seen whether there is toom in Mexico for two such admirable characters working for the common welfare

## Still Suppressing the Truth About the Audacious

By this time all England must know V. class. The Sun published the facts detail. of the disaster two weeks ago when So far from the proposed inquiry protected from the oppressions of a

the Eiglish editors are beginning to people off their balance.

disaster and miserably suspecting that presentation of its strength and weakthe German submarines were cruising ness might furnish a pleasant surprise. occurred, hundreds of miles from their at least that there was a good framefor her raiders, but Berlin is gloating ganization on which a real army could over the humiliation and resentment be built without overwhelming sacriof the English people served by such fice. At any rate, there is nothing a poor witted censorship. If the Ger- gained by secreey or mystery in these man newspapers are right when they matters. Hiding the truth, as England insinuate that the truth about the Au- is beginning to find out, is always become hysterical, then the suppression actly known is less dismaying than a is, as the Morning Post maintains, "an hobgoblin of uncertainty. When there insult not only to the British press is really no worst but only certain ne-

One may speculate upon what the DANIELS demonstrates in his Departcensor would do if the German fleet ment, the real panic makers are the came out of Kiel and sank half the fomenters of fog. dreadnoughts of the British navy. Judging from the Audacious case England would have to get the agonizing truth from American newspapers, as for days after the event the censor could not be expected to make a clean breast of the tragedy. Such an imbeelle policy defeats its object, which is to keep the people calm and reas- spirit of hopefulness that is justified sured and strong in their faith in the navy. The Times has been telling clai support of a most important dethem that the Government would deal frankly with the country Now it throws up its hands and says that it to its activities a bureau for health educan no longer give the assurance "and cation and others for regulating the sale the results are deplorable."

When Englishmen at home think of are now robbing the helpless public. the valor and fortitude of their troops &c., besides a full time schedule for at the front, of the sacrifices so will-bureau chiefs and their assistants that ingly made and the sufferings so un- must inure to greater efficiency, the complainingly endured, of the appal-budget for 1915 is considerably below ling builetins of the dead that are that of the present year. In fact, the bravely published, what feeling can average per capita expenditure for this Englishmen have but contempt for the health insurance would be 64 cents, an stupid and craven censorship that amount far below the average expenconceals from them the plain facts diture for fire insurance. Since the about the loss of a battleship as if highest authority on this subject, Mr hey were children who would cry and E. RITTENHOUSE, has stated that "there "take on" when told about the minor is not a city in this country with a well rouble? If we know the temper of equipped and financed health departthe British people the foolish pack of ment, and not one of them has suffiensors who now begulie and deceive cient means to perform its task," we hem will soon be sent packing, and take pride in presenting the Health men of common sense under the direc. Department of New York as an exion of an experienced manager will ception. be installed in their stead.

## Buckeye Callers.

Among all the visitors who will have animals as far more imperative. The een received by Mayor Mitchel in the Kansas Legislature appropriated a large tity's name none will be more interest- sum for the study and prevention of ng or more completely representative hog cholera after refusing to grant any of that America to which New York appropriation for the manufacture of principle of house furnishing. is only a gateway than the band of diphtheria antitoxin. The Illinois Leg-Ohio farmers who called upon him yes. Islature has recently voted \$151,600 for erday. They were a cross section of the protection of fish and game and aleal America, that land so completely lowed the State Board of Health \$120, gnored by rapid fire philosophers, who 000 for the protection of the State's judge a nation by a Fifth avenue res. 5,000,000 inhabitants. men seek to get a living or accumulate taurant or a waterside bar. There a competence by doing business it looks was no mistaking their wholesomeness, has recently refused an appropriation their virility. If among the thousands of \$20,000 for maintaining school baths who watched their progress through built at large expense, though as we the town was one who merited the have recently shown by testimony of common jibe that New Yorkers think school principals these baths are indis. and in The snall's pace of commission govern- the United States is bounded on the pensable for not only teaching the chilment cannot be reconciled with the re- west by the Hudson, his mind must dren of the toilers and incidentally the have been enlightened by this sturdy parents the value of cleanliness but

delegation of independent citizens. party the trip from Ohio to the coast receptive capacity for knowledge and was a reward for proficiency in agricul, an acknowledged increase of their reclusions and make them infinitely more ture. To encourage boys and girls to sisting capacity to disease. Were it businesslike than those which are stay on the farm and to treat the soil not far wiser to close some of the elewith the respect it deserves, the au- gant swimming pools, with gymnasia thorities of many States, in cooperation and running tracks, than to deprive with private organizations, award prize annually to the most skilful, and among these prizes trips to Washington, Philaico, who is looking after American in delphia, New York and other important terests, gives Emiliano Zapata, late of cities are included. The travellers enthe Morelos fastnesses, a certificate of joy themselves and undergo the broadcharacter. At his hands the diplomatic tening influence of education in its pleascorps has received due consideration; antest aspect, and as they traverse the country they unquestionably contribute to the instruction of those who are permitted to observe them.

> That our Ohio friends obtained some thing worth while from New York we sincerely hope. That New York got something of value from them we are glad to acknowledge.

# Daniels Reassures the People.

The statements made by Secretary nity from capture and punishment encapital, as had been predicted, ZAPATA DANIELS and published yesterday rehas refused to come to the National garding the condition of the navy are attributed not to the man on post but Palace to receive a popular demonstratiquite satisfactory. He confirms the to neglect or incapacity in a force with tion, and stays at a modest hotel in the general impression that it is a highly which he has but little to do. suburbs. This is the report of the efficient organization, well equipped to Moreover, Commissioner Woods ap-Brazilian Minister, and the State Desight if need were. Specifically, he pears to have just cause for complaint partment at Washington gives it pu'r gives encouraging information upon against the lenity of the criminal certain doubtful points and displays courts, for in 1913, out of 439 men in admirable wakefulness regarding convicted for carrying concealed deficiencies. Thus his frank admis, weapons, 101 were liberated on sussion that the service is weak in nerial bended sentence, eighty-nine were appliances is almost as reassuring as fined, forty-four were sentenced to Elhis statement that we are ahead in mira, 129 to the penitentiary, and only submarines, since he shows a vigorous thirty-seven to State prison, although pected to ravage and desecrate; saver purpose of pressing the lack upon the the Legislature has made this offence Copgress and having it rectified.

administrator, practical financier and shunner of the limetight. In his new character Zapata enters into competition with Francisco Villa, who was tion with Francisco Villa, who was to the competition of the single agency, nor is it a simple mation. The Secretary's statement may be character. Plainty the extirpation of the right to keep it from as or 59 per taken as the first fruit of the agitation of the gang is not to be brought about by cent. Who either want it or do not object this character to warrant the term "hystochem to it?"

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Aluce Stone Blackwein, the completion of the gang is not to be brought about by cent. Who either want it or do not object to it. ically led by Senator Longe and Rep. It is the testimony of experienced resentative GARDNER. It is a vindica- police officers that the gunmen display act information for public and legisla- the roughs who preceded them in the hard's book in any of the libraries before tion in Itself of their demand for ex. a greater shrewdness and cunning than tive guidance. Its immediate effect fown's earlier days. Then a battle will be to calm uneasiness, prevent royal between police and gang had no hysterical fears and concentrate the aftermarh of charges and civil suits. public mind and, it is to be hoped, the thoughts of which, in a less vigorous action of the Congress upon the real age, daunt the bluecoat as he draws problems, which, so far as the navy his weapon. The gangster of to-day what happened to the superdread problems, which, so far as the navy his weapon. The gangster of to-day nought Audacious of the King George is concerned, seem to be questions of fights with a skilful lawyer at his side,

that his rights as a citizen may be it was an official secret. It is still an "stampeding" the country or causing brutal constabulary, official secret in the censor's office, citizens or legislators to lose their which refuses to tell England what all heads, it is obvious that if all the A ship of 23,000 tons that had a as those presented by Mr. DANIELS the his whiskers."—Boston Transcript. broadside fire of ten improved 13.5 very contrary should be the result. The Surely it requires moral courage of a inch guns and was one of the most danger might even lie in the creation powerful fighting machines affoat—the of a certain overconfidence in the tensively in the subtropics. Germans did not have her equal-has national defensive preparations. The heen eliminated from the British navy dread of a panic, a stampede, it may for an indefinite period, but she well be guessed in the order of the civil war may be said to have has made Beigium a for an indefinite period, but she well be guessed, is the outcome of a when a statue to Franklin Pierce is is still in commission, still available consciousness that in another direction dedicated in the State House park after on call for the first line of battle, so no such excellent showing can be a generation of opposition on the a fact doubly impressed by this division of far as the censor knows for publica- made. Yet even in respect to the ground that President Pierce showed the words type. Exasperated to the point of open army it is doubtful if any revelation during his administration, rabilion against such crass hebetude. likely to come now would throw the

Secretary Garrison, complimenting speak od. But they dare not name. So much has been said about the the army and navy teams that met in ter that wasn't just like this.

the Audacious. "The Tower may await faults and imperfections, the insufficiency of the United States army, that Yet everybody is talking about the it is not impossible that a detailed where there is such intense rivalry. This is official, and football experts who thought they detected rough on the north coast of Ireland when it It would no doubt satisfy the country play in the annual encounter will have to revise their opinions. when its farmers sell 1,000,000 "Christmas trees" at the rate of six and seven cents apiece for shipment to other States.

A Modest Budget.

Referring to the fact that "the pres-

ent city administration is very gener-

ously disposed to health activities gen-

erally." Commissioner Goldwater pre-

by the modesty of his request for finan-

Although the department has added

Suppressing the Gunmen.

a felony, in recognition of its serious

CARRANZA's agility in skipping hither

high order to cultivate whiskers ex-

much sympathy with the South

partment of city government.

dactous has not been given out be-harmful if not disastrous in dealing DE WET, who on the back of a horse cause of a fear that England would with a democracy. Even the worst ex-eluded the British for two years, should be run to cover and captured by his old over the veldt.

all the foy from living.

cessities to face and supply, as Mr. ALONZO A. STACO, the athletic director of the University of Chicago, who derides the custom of picking America elevens after the football season closes, should remember that it gives ineffable pleasure to those wh find their colleges represented among the elect. Some people would eliminate

No tax can be popular. The best is sents the budget for his department for a necessary evil. The least vexatious is the one that hides itself in the price. 1915 to the Board of Estimate in a though not, perhaps, the best on that account. Next comes the impost that only causes one bad day in the year. But the tax that pursues the citizen through his business day only to pop up again at his dinner table, the tax which awaits him even at the marriage altar, has an unpleasant resemblance to the curse that the Cardinal Lord of harmful medicinal preparations that Archbishop of Rheims launched against the Jackdaw, which board and cursed him in bed," in eating and drinking and coughing and sneezing and winking, and on almost every other possible occasion. ably the average victim will find some temperamental difficulty in discriminating between the tax and the curse.

> Icemen have a banquet .-- Headline This rejoicing seems premature. the winter is over to spoil the icemen's

in suppressing riot in the mine fields where the strikers were in open insurrection. It would be interesting to know whether he thinks the United States gard to its army and r troops now there also have too much I am myself not in It is a singular and inexplicable fact that the average legislator looks power askance at health appropriations and never had or exercised , wer enough to hold the strikers down. But the Fedregards the safeguarding of property or eral soldiers have clamped the lid on

> A man who invites none but hoboes to his wedding feast neglects the first

## TIMON OF NEWARK He Fleers and Jeers, "Hurling" His

Brickbats at War Arithmeticians. To the Editor of the Sun—Sir: After to bringing into graduation at least twice a careful and unblassed computation, using figures as published in various newspapers, my conclusion is as fair-The Board of Aldermen of New York papers, my conclusion is as follows:

In the army of the west it seems that
1.500,000 German soldiers were engaged.

From the reports as published I cannot but conclude that all of these are dead, and in addition thereto 1.000,000 have

lelegation of independent citizens.

To some of the youngsters in the standpoint, the enhancement of their least 200,000 have perished from frost bite. and of the remainder no less than 100,000 have succumbed to wounds.

It has been authoritatively announced that the Crown Prince has died several

that the Crown Prince has died several times, but it is pleasant to know that he has recovered from his successive deaths and is still able to beat his wife.

In the east we cannot report any definite information. According to our last advices it seems that the Russians lost 100,000 men after the content of the result of t the children of the tollers of the demon-

strated pedagogle advantages of the school baths? Such are the vagarles of the Aldermanic mind when in its otherwise laudable effort to amputate otherwise laudable effort to amputate of the public it may be stated that our correspondent is interned in Hoboken, N J.)

And so the war wags and wages. Who vital and near vital parts.

The Russians los: deed of readres' or skell-stated and provide a well organized system of "cadres" or skell-stated in the front but confidence in filling up these skeleton regiments it would be safe to have confidence in filling up these skeleton regiments with good fighting material that could be easily trained.

It would be nade for the training of a larger number of officers who could be being collected. They have been feeling the effects of was adversely in many ways.

Such are the vagarles of the demon-strated dealers and the Russians los: decline of the public is seems that the Russians los: delice is have confidence in filing up these skeleton regiments it would be safe to have confid

can tell the final outcome of this the most dreadful rio; in the history of civili-

shelves and read a book entitled "Die Waffen Nieder" (Down With Arms!),

# Another War Menace.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUS-SIFE YAU ave shown us that the ailled armies are mmanded by

who will strive to overcome the in the war, which was caused by

New York, December 3.

# Country.

we as a great neutral nation in a position to exercise our neutrality, now and in the ernment depending solely upon its policy of international strike? Neutral nations of the business of the league; and as a rule have been those that, because of be run to cover and captured by his old comrades in arms driving automobiles guarantee for their national existence. Is active instead of a passive agent in the world! to have a protagonist that will compel attention? And is it not the duty of the United States so to order her national defences that there will be no temptation to violate her neutrality? ONE AMERICAN.

New York, December 4.

Major Putnam Explains the Purpose of the National Security League Common Sense, Not Hysteria, Rules the Movement.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT the meeting held on the evening of De-cember 1, in which was brought into or-ganization the National Security League. the purpose of the league was presented in a series of resolutions which were adopted without dissent by the citizens present, a very representative gathering.
In the reports of the meeting as printed in the papers of Wednesday, or at least in the majority of these reports, space was not found for the resolutions. These resolutions were worded to make clear to the public the aims and the purpos the association, and the measures that it proposed to take in order to bring these purposes into effect. I am enclosing copy of the text of the resolutions, which may.

purposes into effect. I am enclosing copy of the text of the resolutions, which may. I hope, be brought into print.
I contend that there is nothing in the statements here presented of the purposes of our league to warrant the statement which has been made in certain papers in Ground Chicago.

Horghton, Mich., December 2.

LOOP AND LEG.

But Congressman Lewis had used the Post office Department as an example of the efficiency of Government operation of a public utility, and it was to this that Mr. Gordon principally paid his respects. which has been made in certain papers in this city that our proceedings were in any way "hysterical." The men who are in-teresting themselves in the work of this sire to make sure, first, Ex-Senator Patterson says the Colorado State troops had too much power

In suppressing the control of the expenditure that is being made in our army and navy the largest possible measure of efficiency, and round we go. We loop the loop. We secondly, that a careful investigation should be made as to whether the time. An animated female biped stood with may not have come, in connection with the large changes that are now taking shape in international relations, for some change in the policy of the nation in re-

Apparently the State troops extension of the force of our army. I do existence and should be maintained in are requirements for deferre, or, so to speak, for "insurance" I think, however, that much more important than the increase of the rank and file is a provision for a sub-stantial addition to our force of trained officers. It is my judgment that the training facilities of West Point should be extended as promptly as possible so that we could look forward in the near future

> ch had through hard service been reefficiency by being filled up with green men. The influence, association and training given by a small group of vet-

By the vigorous application of patroimen's locusts to gummen's heads something may be accomplished toward the repression of gangs in New York. but the principal work in eradicating these bands of murderers cannot be done by men in uniform. That lies largely within the province of the decitive bureau. The continued immutective bureau and the decitive and the decitive bureau and the decitive as a distance to be short in the front that it is to be short in the province of the decitive and the decitive and the decitive as a decoration, and the decitive and

of the women in the United States. And they pretend to be "the majority of women."

In Massachusetts the Anti-Suffrage Association has been collecting the signatures of women against suffrage ever since in nineteen years they have been able to accumulate the names of only a little over 2 per cent. of the women in Massachusetts.

Why should one or two per cent. of women who object to the ballot assume the right to keep it from 98 or 99 per cent, who either want it or do not flipert.

In Massachusetts the Anti-Suffrage Association has been collecting the signatures of women against suffrage ever since in a state of efficiency, an efficiency in line with the latest developments in the requirements of fortifications and of coast fortifications. It seems elementary to emphasize the importance, if only as a matter of securing a return from a business investment, to insist that these fortifications should be maintained in a state of efficiency, an efficiency in line with the latest developments in the requirements of fortifications and of coast fortifications. It seems elementary to emphasize the importance, if only as a matter of securing a return from a business investment, to insist that these fortifications should be maintained in a state of efficiency, an efficiency in line with the latest developments in the requirements of fortifications and of coast fortifications. It seems elementary to emphasize the importance, if only a matter of securing a return from a business investment, to insist that these fortifications should be maintained in a state of efficiency, an efficiency in line with the latest developments in the seems of the maintained in a state of efficiency, an efficiency in the discard.

To take Energy for the seems also essential that we should make adequate provision for ammunition, particularly that which calls for a larger amount of time for its production.

I see nothing in recommendations of this call for a larger amount of time for its production.

I see nothing in recommendations. It seems also

Two Books in German.

To the Editor of The Sun-Sir: Has ny one of The Sun's readers seen Bernations, the evidence that with some nations at least it is not safe to put trust isks from fire he increases his insurance. in treatles or in guarantees, the probabilhy that action of some kind will be required on the part of the United States which ought to have back of it the dignity and the weight of organized national power, indicate in the Judgment of many of our citizens that the time has come for a larger expenditure for national insur-GEORGE HAVEN PUTNAM. NEW YORK, December 4

Whereas it has been the general policy of our Government to avoid entering into en-tanging alliances or international relations that would be likely to involve war responthat would be likely to involve war respon-sibilities, and with natural reliance upon our geographical position and the well rested courage and public spirit of our citi-zens to rest the defence of the country upon a minimum of military and navai forces, and upon the calculation that it should prove possible in an emergency to organize with sufficient promptness a citizens' defensive force; and Whereas it is the oninger of the citizens

here assembled that under the changed con-ditions of international relations it may not be wise to entrust our national defence to Now, to the end that public sentmen

Marble to Retain.

Knicker—Jones has a remarkable memory.
Bocker—Wonderful: he remembers a winer that wasn't just like this. national security, and as a first step toward

Country.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: Are as a great neutral nation in a position as Security League. If. That a committee of fifty be appointed

future, for the greatest good to the world? By the chairman with power to add to its numbers, to create an executive committee and such other committees as may be found.

F. G. R. Gordon Stirs Civic Pedernment depending solely upon its policy and such other committees as may be found. ments, and without the requisite national defence to enforce that policy, is likely to be ignored or brushed to one side. as a rule have been those that, because of all measures that may be found desirable geographical, financial or political reasons, for the purpose of maintaining the security under which national security must be based, not time for neutrality to become an and to secure such legislation as may be

required for these patriotic purpose.

III. To enroil in its membership,

and the found adv such conditions as may be found advisable, statistics on the subject at his tongue all citizens who are in

## The Hague Treaty Not the "Scrap of Paper."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Nothing could be clearer or finer than your editorial on the "Chaos in the Rules of War." I feel personally very grateful to you for making it plain that the United States has no responsibility in the matter of the invasion of Belgium arising out of

its part in the Hague conference.
Your correspondents, however, insist and persist in identifying the treaty which bound Germany to respect Belgium's neu-trality with the Hague conventions. Is there any reason why it may not be said quite simply and plainly that the treaty the German Imperial Chancellor a "scrap of paper," and on account ch Great Britain declared war on Germany, had nothing to do with The Hague, but was in force more than fifty years before the conferences at The Hague were thought of?

WILLIAM REID CROSS. Trinity Church Rectory. Houserton, Mich., December 2.

Ground Chicago. HE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT. clevated train was slowing down at La Saile and Van Buren streets. The guard with a foot on either car was reciting the big busin

An animated female biped stood with "D'you go round the loop?" The guard's face took on a look of added sadness. In a low voice he replied "Madam, we really do."

I have seen more one legged people here in a short time than ever before; men and two women in one day. They pull your leg cheerfully here. overimpulsive I take it that they overdo it occasionally.

CHICAGO, November 30.

# HALLS OF MEMORY

Do They Ring With the Tramp, Tramp,

"the sagaclous man who to-day, at the head of the nation, walks with recollected feet the imperilied path of peace." et the imperilled path of peace."

"If a shoe manufacturer could rent free and have to pay only

Homer's and Those That Tread on You.

To the Editor of The Sun-Sir: Just what are "recollected feet"?

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, Vt., Decem-

the utilized even for such skeleton organization.

The requirement for actual service on the part of such graduates might be made short, from two to three years. These miles as a labeled available for recall from the ranks of available for recall from the ranks of available for recall from the ranks of the part of such graduates might be made short, from two to three years. These of the part of such graduates might be made short, from two to three years. These of the part of such graduates might be made short, from two to three years. The proof of the part of such graduates might be made short, from two to three years. The proof of the part of such graduates might be made short, from two to three years. They may the part of such graduates might be made short, from two to three years. They may the part of such graduates might be made short, but now that every move of a documentary character means the dippoint of the four months, but now that every move of a documentary character means the dippoint of the four months, but now that every move of a documentary character means the dippoint of the four months, but now that every move of a documentary to sustain a Government that is at peace it requires the point of the part of such graduates of the graduates of the part of such gra

whoever they are, and to believe, as a finality that it is no more pleasant to be shot in the front than it is to be shot in the front than it is to be shot in the pack. An iron cross is a decoration, but an iron stove lid is a protection.

I am not anxious to die for my country or any other.

NEWARK, N. J., December 4.

Newark, N. J., December 4.

To the Editor of The Sun—sir. There are 24.555.754 women in the United States. The anti-suffrages say they have enrolled 250,000 of them. They offer no proof of this beyond their bare word, which has often been found inaccurate But if we take their own figures, they constitute only a little over one per cent, of the women in the United States. And they have been to the expense of providing they petend to be "the majority of women."

In Massachusetts the Anti-Suffrage As-

# Children of the Flat.

To the Epitor of The Sus-Sir: A friend in the country writes that at about 3 c'clock yesterday morning his three-year-old son dimbed out of his crib and started fear.

A view directly opposite that expected by Mr. Howe as to the advantage of the country writes that a son the advantage of the results of the country writes that expected by Mr. Howe as to the advantage of the results of the country writes and dictators in proceedings. d out of his crib and started fear. J. W. Sullivan, who downstairs in the dark. He was half Federation of Labor

Then it struck me what she meant. Our plained that H. P. E. BROOKLIN, December 3.

# Flat Musicians.

To the Epitor of THE SUN-Sir: The people above and around us in our apartment house play on their planes not only the same serie of music that my daughters do but the same identical pieces Alas! Alas!
New York, December 3. P. Ares.

### A Wife's Confession. To the Editor of The Sun-Sir: My wife

is the best all around sewer in the world; but she just sewed a button on my coat and said when she handed it back: "David, that's the best I can do, but no amateur can sew a button on a coat like a tailor."

Which has been seeking beginning that subject Wetmore reponded as charged when she handed it back: "David, that's the best I can do, but no amateur can sew a button on a coat like a tailor."

## The Bloodthirsty Warrior. Though we have to kill the for in defence and in attack. They're good fellows after all."

"Frenchman, German, British, Russ, Each one is a decent chap; We'll shake hands when war is done."

"Give the enemy their due. They are brave and gallant men, a will beat and honor them."

Hate them, scorn them, sneer and rave, Take their heads and cut 'em off; Nothing less than that will do," Says the Prof.

MCLANDSURGE WILSON.

# **BUSINESS FAILURE**

eration, Attacking Government Control.

ANNUAL MEETING OPENS

An attack on Government ownership that had nothing of the academic about it, although the speaker, F. G. R. Gordon, a Massachusetts man, had all the end, enlivened the proceedings of the Na tional Civic Federation, which began its fifteenth annual meeting yesterday at the Hotel Astor, "Governmental versus Pri vate Enterprise" was the subject of t discussion to which the federation turne after listening to the reports of its pre dent, Seth Low, and the chairmen of

various departments. Prof. Jeremian W. Jenas of New York University had reviewed present day tendencies toward the substitution of govern mental control of private enterprise a Congressman David J Lewis had for Government ownership of telegraph and telephone lines when Mr. Gordon got his chance. Congressman Lewis had touched on Government ownership of rail roads and Mr. Gordon took a passing sh at that as he warmed to his subject. costs, he said, as much to move a bushe of wheat a mile on the "socialized rail roads of Australia as to send a bushe from Chicago to Liverpool"; and he added: "The statistics show that prac tically every Government owned railroad telegraph and telephone gives rotten se

# Worst Managed Big Business. "They bring up the post office system. said. "Why, it's the worst managed

big business in the country. He asserted that the Postmaster-Ger eral and his chief subordinates are paid not from the proceeds of the business the manage but by the Treasury Department and that the salary list present of" amounts to al a year. He said that \$59,000,000 had been expended for buildings occupied by the Department, but not paid for out of its earnings or charged against it; and he added:

"Down to 1913 \$150,000,000 had been spent by the Treasury Department for the benefit of the Post Office Department From 1865 to 1913 the Department re-ceived in revenues \$3,775,000,000 and ex-pended \$4,555,000,000 in expenses, a loss of about \$279,000,000. Add 4 per cent of about \$279,000,000. Add 4 per centinterest on public buildings and salaries of officers and the loss from 1865 has been \$14,000,000 a year. And you call it a socialistic success. How'd you like to

Tramp of Recollected Feet?

To the Editor of The Sun—Nir: In to-day's illuminating communication from William Bayard Hale I note he speaks of the sagaclous man who to-day, at the head of the nation, walks with recollected and he went on, while the members of the federation bushed to the federati the federation laughed and ap-

Now, what in the solution of the feet after a busy day and my "lill" of " feet have certainly been full of aches and pains.

Maybe I've had recollected feet all this time and never knew it.

Does a frigid condition of the feet have anything to do with it?

Does William Jennings Bryan also possess recollected feet?

WILLIAM J. SIMPSON.

Dacember 3.

Cent. of his under if he made a howing success, while his competitors went bank rupt?"

Mr. Gordon picked flaws in Congressman Lewis's statistics of telegraph and telephone cost here and in countries where the lines are operated by the Government. He said that in Great Britain the system had paid no dividends since the Government took it over, and had the Government took it over, and had the Government took it over, and had lost \$200,000,000 in forty-three years Government owned telegraph systems in Germany, France and Australia are run at a loss, he said, and the sai in New Zealand for both teleph telegraph. And he insisted that, r a fair comparison, rates are little

higher here, while the service is better

Frederic C. Howe, Commissioner of

ular and representative gover inevitably lead to complete

way down before they recovered him.

I said to my wife: "Our children never did anything of that sort, did they?" And she said: "No, certainly not. How could they?"

Then it struck me what she meant Our plained that "ministration." They trade union principles, it substi them a one sided dictar;

labor of independent activi After President Low had session with a review of the work of the past year and which touch on its activities cidentally a strong plea for will allow the building up of ican merchant marine, there reports by the department August Belmont told of the workmen's mond read his report on to

Vincent Astor and Judg Parker, who were to have heads of divisions of the in nomic department, were unable Roland P Falkner, head of a ment, said that Mr. Astor's rewill tell of a nationwide inqui-effectiveness of the pure food laws, and Judge Farker's, who imitation under the Constitut rights of free speech and public will be ready in a few weeks then be made public. Dr. Pa the federation of the work of the six committees of his department the past eight months have a survey of the social and changes in the last generation

The federation will continue tion of social insurance will be d